They Commit Deeds of Blood Without Irritation or Passion-A Queer Kind of Religion-An Incident Illustrating Their Peculiar Ideas.

The feature of Siberian life which most impresses a traveler is the convict tramp. He has escaped from the mines and is wearily tramping across the thing more she means it. She thoroughsnowy wastes, cold and hungry and constantly hiding from pursuit, only to be finally caught and taken back.

Liberty is sweet, but the chance of ultimate escape is very small, as they all know, and that they make the escape at all must be due to the fact that even the terrible privations of the journey are a welcome change from the living grave of the mines.

To discourage attempts at escape the government has granted the lawful privilege to any one to scot them on sight. The convicts, not knowing friends from chemies, are obliged to avoid villages during the day and to have recourse to highway robbery to satisfy their wants, controlly speaking these bradlagi are the worst of criminals.

One of the leading characteristics of the tradlagi which distinguish them from other murderers and freebooters is their complete indifference and absence of irrigation and passion when committing a deed of blood.

But what astonishes one most is the with some religious ideas and also a certain degree of humility born of the severe discipline of bard labor of the mines, which produces a show of pity toward the victim they are destroying in the most cold blooded manner.

Misfernme-and the bradlagi is one of the most unfortunate of beingsward rolls, on. In justification of their ermes they invariably say, "We are poer sinners, but also most unfortunate, and therefore God will forgive us all our sins.

Whenever they see a cross, they alkill his soul."

more insportant villages there lived two for some small offeuse. Both being shoemakers, they entered into partnership and tried to gain a decent living.

One day they went some 20 versts coming to a few straggling bushes they separated and began to gather little pieces of wood,

As ill lack would have it, a party of 12 transps just then passed. Perceiving witnessed what followed.

knew that if he showed would be killed at once. "Hall, friend," said the tramps, tak-

ing off their caps. "Bad luck to you that you have met us, but you see it is not our fault. Such is the will of God. How much money have you got?"

"Five rables, which I will give you, as well as my clothes, if you only spare

Your life is of no use to us, and we we cannot avoid. If you were to escape abye, you would report us to the pohre, and we might be caught. Therefore fergive us poor sinners, but die you

All this conversation passed in a sub-The countenances of the murderers bore. no trace of anger or fierconess.

The Pole tried to soften them with his prayers when one of the tramps, in Harper's Magazine. who appeared to be the chief, took him kindly by the hand and said in a friendly tone:

"Good man, don't be a baby and ask for a life we cannot give you. You and Let us finish this business in a brotherly fashion. By resisting you will only even allow that."

great deal of practice, and you won't Arthur Young." feel anything."

"And now let me pray." ers, standing silently round him.

"Are you ready?" asked the chief. "Remy." he answered in a low voice. It was his last word. A few blows with a strong stick on the temple stretched him senseless on the ground. The train; then stripped the corpse, tied a stone to the neck and threw it

into the river. They then expressed to one another their regret at being obliged to kill him, praised his good qualities and went away. - Pearson's Weekly.

"Yours Truly." The labits of people in signing lether are receiving some attention, and interesting conclusions are drawn from t study of the different ways writers "herie themselves. The curt "Yours" and "Yours truly" are found not only in has mess letters, but in personal notes as well, for there are plenty of correspendents who don't believe in gush and who think that "Yours truly" or "sincerely" means about all they wish to convey. Opposed to these sensible and essentially practical persons is that class of writers made up usually of Young and enthusiastic individuals, as a rule of the gentle sex, who throw words about as carelessly on paper as they do in conversation. The use of the Word "love" by such people is a distressing sign of emotional weakness, of carelessness or of insincerity and possibly arises from the same impulse that prompts women to kiss each other indis-

One Boston girl has taken her own stand in the matter, and at the risk of being considered "cold" and "thorough ly Boston" she sticks to it. In her childhood she was taught to sign "affectionately yours" to her fraway greataunts and second cousins, some of whom she had never seen, but all of whom she tried to like, because of the claims of kindred, and the word "affectionately" came to mean to her nothing at all except polite and necessary fietion. So she signs "affectionately" to people she is supposed to be conventionally fond of, and when she says anyly approves of "cordially yours," and this, by the way, is seen more and more frequently now in notes between acquaintances who are on distinctly friendly or cordial terms. After all, 'your friend,' when it can be used way of ending friendly letters. Some

The Neoromantic Novel.

their names with any set form of words

tures without any frills .- Boston Jour-

The fact is that any sort of theory about what art or literature should do is of very slight importance in comparison with a knowledge of what it does do. Theoretical criticism is useful in the analysis of actual pleasure, but it is as nothing when weighed in the balance against what we really love. The painters are forever telling us that we are geese to like pictures with a story in them. The dramatists are forever insisting that a play which is merely good to read is no play at all; the poets, that continued of the most hardened crime all real sonnets must follow the Petrarchan model; the grammarians and the rhetoricians, that this or that familiar expression is incorrect. Even our histories of literature disdain the favorite reading of the people and discuss only what appeals to the cultured class-

The attitude of all is at bottom dicuncoled by turns their thoughts to- tatorial. They attempt to prescribe what we shall like, which is us useless as to prescribe what we shall cat. Let these painters and dramatists and poets-so the simple minded people has always said in its heart-offer us what they choose that is beautiful and interesting. ways take off their caps and cross So much is the privilege of the maker, themselves. In conversation they are the seller. But we are free to enjoy very fend of quoting what at first sight | what we choose. That is the privilege seem scripture texts, but what in reali- of the consumer. If there is beauty we ty are phrases made by themselves for cannot see, we are glad to be reminded their own justification, such as "God of it. If what we like is ugly, explain hates the rich ones of this world," "Ein us that also, and we will look carefully committed in perfect humility is no to our preferences. But we, not you, em." "If thou must kill a man, don't are the judges of our own emotions, and by us in the last resort must your Their peculiar ideas are exemplified fine theories be tested. Art is your in the fellowing incident. In one of the work, but it is our play. We have our work also, which is judged sternly by men, a Lussian and a Pole, sent there | the laws of supply and demand. In our scant hours of leisure we must play as

our nature bids us. It is, then, as one of the rights of a citizen that we hardworking people defrom the village on an excursion, and | fend our hearty interest in the historical romance.-Ferum.

Twain and a Lyceum Mauager.

Before we left the antercom Mark Twain particularly requested me not to the Pole alone, they surrounded him in introduce him to the audience, and I an instant. The Russian, who was but told him (for he called it "a whim of a few paces off, hid in the bushes and | his'') that his little whim should be respected. When we reached the stage, I hair all over. I asked her if she He could not help his friend, as he began after awhile to feel not a little nervous for fear that he would never introduce himself. But he at last arose, and taking a semicircular sweep to the left and then proceeding to the front opened something like this:

"Ladies and gentlemen, 1-havelectured - many - years, - and - inmany—towns,—large—and — small. I have traveled - north - south-eastand - west. 1 - have - met-manygreat-men-very-great-men. Butwould really like to let you go; but you | I - have - never-yet-in-all-myse, dear friend, we have our laws, which | travels - met - the - president-of-a country - lyccum - who - could - introduce -me-to-an-audience-with -that-distinguished-considerationwhich-my merits deserve. "

After this deliverance the house, which had stared at me for several mindued voice as if in gentle persuasion, utes with vexed impatience for not "pressing the batton," was convulsed at my expense and gave him unremitting attention to the end .- Joel Benton

John Howard, Philanthropist,

We found him in a parlor, without books or apparently any employment, dressed as for an evening in London-a we are both the children of one Father. powdered bag wig, white silk stockings, thin shoes and every other circumstance of his habiliments excluding the possisuffer more. Choose which death you bility of a country walk. He was rather prefer - the knife or stick or river, pragmatical in his speech, very polite, which is very deep, or perhaps you but expressing himself in a manner that would prefer to kill yourself. We will seemed to belong to 200 years ago. I asked Mr. Whitbread if Mr. Howard "I will not willingly take my own was usually thus dressed and confined life," he said. "God has given it to to bis room, for he was as intimate with me, and I will not assail it. Kill me Whitbread as with anybody. He had with year sticks, but pray kill me at never seen him otherwise, he said, but added that he was a sensible man ard "Be quite assured. We have had a a very worthy one.—"Autobiography of

The Popular Side Comb.

The side comb still rides the top wave had fini-bed, he looked at his murder- of popular favor notwithstanding its general adoption and consequent degeneracy into the cheapest of materials. The prevailing broad method of wearing the hair makes milady of fashion as dependent upon its good offices as her room door and asked for another one. less favored sister of the shops, the only distinction between them being the difference in material The latest combs are small, of amber or shell and decorated with finely cut steel Sometimes the steel is but a narrow band of beads, while again it breadens out into arabesques, points or curves, or even clover leaves or flower-de-luces. Many of the combs are also set with genrs, real or imitation, while others for evening wear are stunded with colored stones to harmonize with the costume worn

Making a Distinction.

Miss Cayenne had caused her partner a great deal of annoyance by torgetting what her long suit was and remaining oblivious to trump signals. He mopped the perspiration from his brow and ventured the observation, "I was under the impression that you said you were accustomed to playing whist. "Yes, she answered sweetly, "I play it, I don't work at it as some people do." -Washington Star.

A great deal of trouble is expended in educating the showy, high stepping horse. He is trained to step high and net showily by being driven along a path whereon rails are set crosswise. He steps high to avoid stumbling, and in time always steps high.

THE SELFISH WOMAN.

A TRICK THAT ENRAGED HER SLEEP-ING CAR COMPANIONS.

She Emerged the Pink of Perfection, While the Other Women Barely Manfore Leaving.

A sleeping car which arrived in New York numbered eight women among its passengers, and one of them displayed wisdom which made the other seven her enemies. She was a prim looking, middle aged woman, and she had attracted attention the previous night by the businesslike way in which she ordered her supper. It was evident that she had traveled on a sleeping car before and truthfully, is a simple and satisfactory from their nervousness it was quite clear that the other women were novices people have the habit of not prefacing in night traveling and that they were anticipating great discomforts. It was America to her home ports. The carat the end of letters. They stop when not until the morning, however, that they get through and write their signathe wise woman proved her wisdom as well as her selfishness.

Two hours before the train was due in New York she left her berth and disappeared in the end of the car This sleeping car, like others of its class, had four wash bowls for men with large mirrors over them and only one wash bowl for women, in a room so small that two women could not stand in it at the same time. Half an hour after the wise women arose the other women in the car began to stir around and four of them went at the same time to complete their toilets. The wise woman still occupied the room and they sat down to wait. Half an hour passed and still the wise woman didn't appear. The men in the car had become interested in the comedy, which promised to develop into a tragedy They had already completed their toilets without interfering with one another.

"This is an imposition," said a big woman whose bair was disorderly, "and I am going to investigate."

She disappeared, and the other passengers heard her voice, first mild and then loud and angry, but the responses of the wise woman could not be heard.

What do you suppose that creature is doing," said the big woman, when she returned. "Why, I never heard anything like it. Here we are within an hour of New York and not one of us has had an opportunity to wash her face and that woman inside has a little alcohol lamp going and she is deliberately curling her hair. She should have some sense of decency. I'm sure she is oid enough."

This information cast the other women into the depths of despair, and as the train sped on one of them, the youngest woman in the car, began to cry Herwee was greater than that of the others because a certain young man had promised to meet her at the station, and she would not have him see her as she then looked for the whole railrand. The men in the car evidently thought that she was good to look at just as she was, but none of them knew her, and this information could not be conveyed to her. A delegation of two women was sent to compromise with the wise one who was curling her hair, and they returned in disgust.

"She says that she is going to complete her toilet before she comes out." said one of them. "She is curling her wouldn't please just curl it in front and then put her hat on. The rest wouldn't show, you know She said she would attend to the curling without any assistance from me. This is simply dreadful. I'll never ride in a sleeping car egain. It is an imposition to have only a little bit of a cubby hole reserved for women, while the men have all the room they need. I'm going to sue the road."

An indignant discussion followed, and just as the train was pulling into New York the wise woman made her appearance. Conscious that not a single flaw could be found in her toilet, she ignored the angry glances of the other women. It was too late for them to make elaborate toilets, and the men withdrew from the smoking room, so that they might at least use the mirrors to set their hats on streight. They trailed after the wise woman as she left the car, and if angry glances could have stabled her she would have become a coroner's case right on the platform.

"This isn't the first time that I have seen such an exhibition," said a commercial traveler who had been in the ear, "and really I don't blame the wise woman at all the simply showed her experience. The fault is in the construction of the car, and it is a shortsighted policy to make them so meenvenient for women 1, takes a woman longer to dress than a man, and I believe that if the car builders would sacrifice the space occupied ty a section or two and put in wash bowls for women more women would be willing to ride in sleeping cars As it is, the average woman would rather stay at home than make a trip that involved a might ride." -New York Sun.

Made Sure It Was Used. An old farmer and his wife, noted for their niggardliness, bad a custom of allowing the servant only one match to

light the fire with each morning. One morning the match tailed to kindle, so the servant went to their bed-A whispered consultation was held between the two; then audibly the wife

said: "Will you risk her wi' anither ane, John?" "I doot we'll hae tae risk her. Janet,"

replied John, "but be sure an seek a sight o' the une she got last night. '-London Answers. Sympathetic.

"Do you suppose Mrs Manywed really loves her lawyer admirer? "In a way, yes You see, he secured

all her divorces for her, and he's a sort. of a connecting link with the past "-Phtladelphia North American Awful Error. "I'll never forget the time I took my

good old aunt from the country to see a Shakespearcan revival at one of the theaters. "Did she like it?" "Like it? I found out that she would never have gone at all but for the im-

pression she had that 'revival' meant something religious."-Cincinnati Lu-Bergen, Norway, boasts a paper church large enough to seat 1,000 persons. The building is rendered waterproof by a solution of quicklime, curdled milk and white of eggs.

A BUCCANEER BOOM.

The Brethren of the Coast Sacked Towns When Galleons Failed Them. Frank R. Stockton, writing in St. Nicholas a series of parrative sketches of "The Buccaneers of Our Coast,"

The buccaneers were afraid of nothaged to Get Their Pats on Straight Be- ing. They paid no attention to the rules of war. A little ship would attack a big one without the slightest hesitation, and, more than that, would generally take it, and in every way Spain was beginning to feel as if she were acting the part of provider to the pirate seamen of every nation.

Finding that she could do nothing to diminish the number of the buccaneering vessels, Spain determined that she would not have so many richly laden ships of her evu upon these dangerous seas; consequently a change was made in regard to the shipping of merchandise and the valuable metals from goes were concentrated, and what had previously been placed upon three ships was crowded into the bolds and be tween the decks of one great vessel, which was so well armed und defended as to make it almost impossible for any pirate ship to capture it. In some respects this plan worked very well, although when the buccaneers did happen to pounce upon one of these richly laden vessels in such numbers and with such swift ferceity that they were able to capture it they rejoiced over a prize far more valuable than anything the pirate soul had ever dreamed of before. But it was not eften that one of these great ships was taken, and for a time the results of binnish robbery and cruelty

were safely carried to Spain. Lut it was very bard to get the better of the succancers. Their lives and their forcunes depended upon this boom, and if in one way they could not get the gold out of the Spaniards, which the latter got out of the natives, they would try meether. When the miners in the gold, class and they can no longer wash out with their pans a paying quantity of the precious metal, they go to work on the rocks and I reak them into pieces and crush them into dust; so when the beccancers found it did not Tay to devote themselves to conturing Spanish gold on its transit across the ocean many of them changed their methods of operation and boldly planned to a ize the treasures of their enemy before it was put upon the ships.

Consequently the Luceaneers formed themselves into larger bodies commanded by noted tenders and made attacks upon the a panish settlements and towns. Many of these were found nearly de fenseless, and even those which boasted fortifications eften fell before the reckless charges of the buccaneers. The pillage, the turning and the crucity on shore executed that which had hithertobeen known on the sea. There is generally a great deal more in a town than there is in a ship, and the Luccaneers proved thereselves to be among the most outrageous, exacting and eru-1 conquerors ever known in this world. They were governed by no laws of wartare. Whatever they chose to do they did. They respected nobody, not even themselves, and need like wild beasts, without the disposition which is generally shown by a wild beast to lie down and go to sleep when it has had enough.

There were times when it seemed as though it would be safer for a man who had a regard for his life and comfort to sail upon a pirate ship instead of a Spanish galleon or to take up his residence in the eff the uncivilized communities of Fortaga or Jamaica instead of settling in a well ordered Spanish-American town with its mayor, its officials and its garrison.

It was a very strange nation of marine bandits which had thus sprung into existence on treze faraway waters. It was a nation of grown up men who existed only for the purpose of carrying off that which other people were taking away. It was a nation of recondhand robbers who carried their operations to such an extent that in y threatened to do away entirely with that series of primary robberies to which Spain had acvoted herself. I do not know that there were any companies Borned in those days for the prosecution of Luceaneering, but I am quite sure that if there had been their stocks would have gone to a high figure.

Courageous Hindoos.

In some things the natives of Bengal and Behar are wenderfully courageous and the bravest deed that I ever witnessed was performed in the coclest manner possible by two of my own domestic servants. One morning while seated in the veranda of my burgalow a mad jackal rushed through the grounds and went under a raised godown, which was close to the bungalow. I left the veranda for my gun, and on my return did.

An old militar (sweeper), a man of the lowest caste in my service, who was nearly bent double with age, was the smartest hand at killing a venemous snake that I ever knew. The old fellow used to sit up at night in the low thouse for the purpose of destroying the course Classic v via Londondarry. that came after the eggs, and one moruing before cawn I stepped into the veranda of my bungalow in time to see him pulling a karait out of a hole with one hand, which grasped the reptile's tail, while in the other band was held n stick, which promptly descended on the knrait's head as soon as it appeared in view. It was all done very neatly and smartly and as quiedly as if the old man had been crashing a beople. - Gentleman's Magazine.

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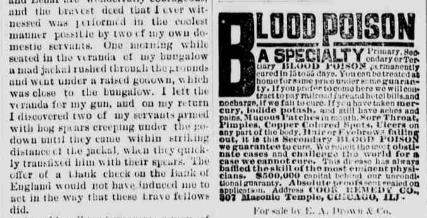
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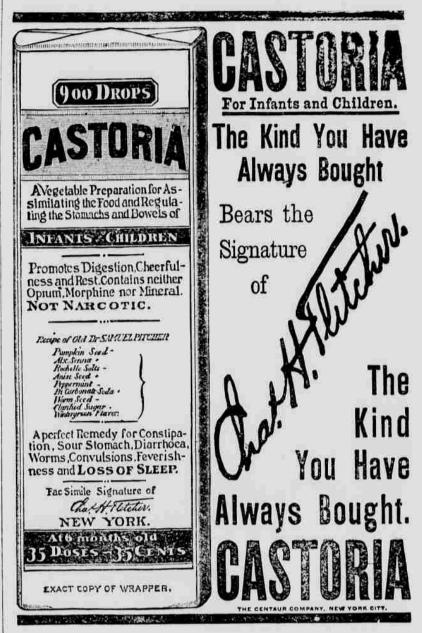
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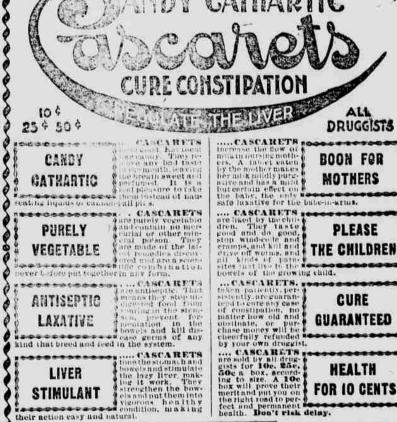


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